(c) whether Government propose to make reduction in STD rates in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) There are 719 Telecommunication Centres which are equipped with STD and ISD facilities.

(b) At present, there is no proposal to convert STD facility into local.

(c) At present, there is no proposal in BSNL to make more reduction in STD rates.

Royalty and Licence Fee on Wireless

2624. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to non levy of royalty and licence fee from wireless users, his Ministry have failed to recover to huge amount;

(b) if so, how much amout was not recovered; and

(c) the steps taken to recover the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 16.17 crores was due to be recovered from licencees towards licence renewal fees.

(c) Even though the onus of renewal of licence lies on the licencees, notices were issued for the recovery of dues. An amount of Rs. 6.53 crores has been received.

Inflated Figures for BPL Households

2625. SHRI R.P. GOENKA : Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey undertaken recently to identify Below Poverty Line households has been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the figures for Below Poverty Line households have been inflated in some States in as much as against four million households in Andhra Pradesh, 11 million ration cards have been issued; in Gujarat as against 2 million, the cards issued are 3 million and in Orissa against 3 million households, 4 million cards have been issued; and

(d) the details of the procedure followed to ensure identification of genuine Below Poverty Line households only?